

To Whom It May Concern and Partners:

This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE How To Have A Firewise Home event to be held at Maynor Creek Lodge, Maynor Creek Water Park, Waynesboro, MS on Thursday, March 13, 2014. This program is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wildland/urban interface ... that fringe area of our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wildland fire. Evaluations for similar field days in other states indicated that the participants found the information and exercises very beneficial.

As our Mississippi public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forests or wildlands, disastrous wildfires occur more and more frequently. We will likely continue to experience damaging wildfires in the wildland/urban interface until people begin to work together to solve basic community planning issues at the local level.

The How To Have A Firewise Home program is a one-half day event, bringing together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own home.

I have enclosed directions and a map to the program site at Maynor Creek Lodge, Maynor Creek Water Park, 1351 Reservoir Road, Waynesboro, MS and a pre-registration form. Please complete the pre-registration form and return by mail or fax to 601-268-2778 by March 1, 2014. We believe that this program may have a significant impact on wildland protection in your area. If you cannot personally attend, please designate someone to represent you. There is no charge for your participation and lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a must for the noon meal head count.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at approximately 1:00 p.m.

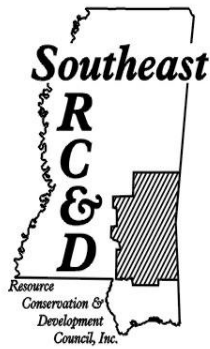
We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you on March 13, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lenora Haynes 601-307-6728.

The following CFE/CEU/CLE are given for this event: Registered Forester, 2 hrs of category II; Certified Loggers, 2 hrs of category II; Realtors, 3 hrs Elective Real Estate Course, Approval Code 10181; Structural Firefighter, Certificate of Attendance, 2 hrs; credit is not available for Teachers and Professional Disciplines.

Sincerely,

Rufus Landrum
Fire Chief, Wayne County Volunteer Fire Department

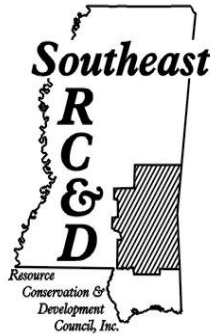
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**How to Have A Firewise Home Agenda
Maynor Creek Lodge
Maynor Creek Water Park
1351 Reservoir Road
Waynesboro, MS 39367**

March 13, 2014

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| 9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:30 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction |
| 9:45 a.m. | Firewise in Mississippi |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Wildfire! Preventing Home Ignitions |
| 10:35 a.m. | How to Have A Firewise Home |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 12:45 p.m. | Evaluations |
| 1:00 p.m. | Adjourn |



FAX or Mail PRE-REGISTRATION TO:

Southeast Mississippi Resource Conservation and Development Council

Fax Number: 601-268-2778

6081 Hwy 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Contact Number: 601-307-6728

Due Date: March 1, 2014

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is a **must** for the meal head count.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Wayne County Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.– Firewise Awareness Event

Maynor Creek Lodge, Maynor Creek Water Park

1351 Reservoir Road, Waynesboro, MS

March 13, 2014

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Email Address _____

Please select the category that most closely fits your occupation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Builder/Developer | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Fire Department |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |